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## YOUNG MAN KILLS HIS OWN UNCLE

Murder Committed by Member of Prominent Family

### POCKET KNIFE USED.

Jugular Vein and Carotid Artery Severed and Man Dies Before Physician Could Reach the Scene

One of those fearful tragedies, the happening of which shocks the whole immediate country, occurred on Thursday evening of last week, four miles Southwest of Lexington, on the Purdy road, when Sam Hopper, aged about twenty-one, killed with a pocket knife, his uncle, John Hopper, aged forty-three.

The terrible tragedy had its origin in a matter entirely too small to justify the taking of any human life, much less the killing of so near a relative and a man of family by one who had barely reached man's estate.

We have not inquired into nor tried to secure particulars, but the general rumor is that the men, uncle and nephew, had a dispute over the ownership of a pair of scissors or shears, and that growing out of that dispute, when Sam Hopper at the time stated, was passing the home of his uncle, the latter asked why he had been making certain statements. Sam replied that he had not done so and the elder man repeated the charge that Sam had said the things with which he had just been charged. At this juncture Sam called his uncle a liar, it is alleged, and the uncle picked up a stick and struck Sam with it, Sam retaliating by drawing his pocket knife and inflicting two wounds on his assailant, one severing both the jugular vein and carotid artery, and the other being in the side or further back. The cut in the throat caused death in between fifteen and twenty minutes. Dr. Sam T. Parker was called from Lexington by telephone and reached the scene in about thirty minutes, only to find that John Hopper had died while his wife was trying to hold the blood vessels with her hands until medical help could arrive.

A warrant was sworn out before Esq. G. W. Stewart for the arrest of Sam Hopper and when Deputy Sheriff J. J. Woody armed with the warrant went to the nearby home of George Hopper, father of Sam, he found that Sam was hidden out, but the father promised that he would come to Lexington and surrender himself on Friday morning, which was done and Sam was committed to jail pending his preliminary trial before a justice of the peace.

John Hopper is survived by his wife and one child, while the man who killed him is unmarried.

The remains of John Hopper were interred near Sardis, on last Friday, and strange to say, Sam, the man who killed him, in the custody of an officer, attended the funeral of the near relative whose life he had taken.

The occurrence is all the more distressing because of the fact that the Hopper family is classed among our best people.

Judge Cordell Hull has announced for re-election in the fourth Congressional district and predicts that his nomination will be made unanimous. The Judge does not seem to be disturbed by the candidacy of the Hon. Nathan G. Robertson, of Lebanon, who was endorsed last Saturday by the Democrats of Wilcox county.

## U. S. SOLDIERS SURPRISE VILLA

Make Attack on Mexican Bandit

### 4 SOLDIERS WOUNDED

Villa Said to be Wounded and Forces Scattered in Small Bands in Mountains.

On the 29th of March Col. George C. Dodd, at the head of the United States troopers, after a hard ride of more than fifty miles, surprised and attacked about five hundred followers of Villa, at a point near Guerrero, some 300 miles South of the Mexican border. After a running fight of five hours, in which thirty Mexicans were killed and four American soldiers wounded, the Villa followers were left in small scattered groups of less than a dozen men each, who found refuge in the mountains. General Hernandez who commanded the Villa troops was killed and a man named Lopez, supposed to be another of Villa's leaders, was wounded. A number of Carranzista soldiers, held by Villa for execution, were liberated in the fight. Villa was not present with his band, having been wounded a few days before in an engagement in which he butchered a whole Carranza garrison. Two machine guns and a large number of horses were captured by Uncle Sam's boys. There is strong hope at Washington that the hunt for Villa will soon be ended.

## "KI." McCOLLUM LOSES VALUABLE HOME BY FIRE

Last Saturday afternoon between 4 and 5 o'clock, the home of A. H. McCollum ("Ki") in the old 12th district, some 2 1-2 miles from Reagan, with the entire contents except one trunk of clothing, etc., and four or five bed quilts, was destroyed by fire, supposedly catching from the kitchen flue. The smokehouse was also burned but the meat saved.

Mr. McCollum was away in the field when the fire was first discovered by his small son and daughter, who were picking turnip greens in a nearby patch.

We are informed that Mr. McCollum had \$1,500 insurance divided between his barn and residence, hence we can not state his net loss in the fire which totaled a gross loss of more than \$2,000.

## SENATOR LEA NOT CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR

Senator Luke Lea, in reply to an article appearing in the Chattanooga Times of last Saturday, Monday issued the following statement:

"Upon my return to Nashville my attention has been called to an article in the Chattanooga Times of Saturday in reference to my being a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor.

"I am in Nashville on private business and have taken no part in politics, and will not until after the May convention, when I will give the most loyal and cordial support to all the nominees of the democratic party.

"LUKE LEA."

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## ALL HONOR TO HENDERSON CO. COURT

Body Stands for Education and Improvement

### WORK HOUSE SYSTEM ESTABLISHED

Most Important Session of County Court in History of that Body. Voted Tax for High School and for Good Roads.

The County court of Henderson county in its regular April Quarterly session last Monday, so covered itself with glory that it is entitled to the praise and commendation of every progressive citizen in the confines of the county.

The action of the court in establishing a county workhouse system for the purpose of working county convicts on our own highways, was a forward step that may be expected to mark the beginning of a new era in county improvement and progress. The court elected as the county workhouse commission Messrs. Joe H. Holmes, J. A. Hatchett, John Carrington and J. W. Dyer with Judge W. F. Appleby an ex officio member.

In the matter of the County High School tax, the court re-lieved the tax, having the option under the Hare Bill to do so or let it go by default. In this the court took action which goes to prove Henderson one of the progressive counties of West Tennessee and the present court body one under which we may hope to throw off entirely the shackles of non-progressiveness.

All honor to the County court.

### OTHER PROCEEDINGS.

All justices present except J. J. McBride, of the 7th and J. B. Jones of the 6th.

R. A. Lewis, T. A. Lancaster and County Judge W. F. Appleby were appointed a committee to suggest a rate of taxation for the year 1916. The committee reported in the afternoon and set the state and county tax rate at \$1.50, which was so

amended that that the road tax was increased from 15 to 35 cents, making the total road tax 50 cents and the total rate for the year \$1.95 on the \$1.00.

The court inaugurated a county workhouse system for working the public roads and appointed the following workhouse committee: John Carrington, J. A. Hatchett, J. W. Dyer, Joe H. Holmes and County Judge W. F. Appleby is ex officio a member of the commission.

The court went on record in the action that it will not grant releases from polls and road work at any term except January of each year.

G. W. Roberts of the third district and Fred C. Sellers, of the first district, were appointed notaries public.

John Patton, K. D. Smith, W. C. Spain and Hersey Hopper were appointed a committee to act in conjunction with a Carroll county committee in building a bridge on the line at the old Spain Mill place in the old first district.

The court made loans of \$250.00 each to the Middleton Creek and the North Beech River Drainage Districts, for purpose of making preliminary surveys.

R. E. Owen, B. T. Blackburn, and J. D. Helms were appointed a committee to purchase materials and have built bridges over the Beech River Drainage district canal, when completed, at Mitchell's Crossing, at or near Darden and at or near Chesterfield.

Appropriations aggregated approximately \$1,239.92.

## United States Senate

Washington, D. C.  
February 19, 1916.

Hon C. C. Davis, Mayor  
Lexington, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Mayor:

This will acknowledge receipt of a petition signed by yourself and a number of other citizens of Henderson County urging the passage of nation wide prohibition and prohibition for the District of Columbia legislation. I beg to advise in response, that I have been and am now for such measures and it will give me pleasure to vote for bills looking to this end.

I am glad to have your petition before me, for I assure you that it is very gratifying indeed to find my views in accord with yours and with those of so many citizens of your county.

Yours truly yours,

LUKE LEA.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 1.—Judge McReynolds here today overruled a motion for a new trial in the case of William F. Cook, of Rutherford county, convicted of murder in the second degree, and the defendant was sentenced to from ten to twenty years in the penitentiary. Cook has been tried three times for the murder of his wife and niece, near Smyrna, in 1913.

The extra session of the legislature, called to consider impeachment of Judge Edgington and Attorney-General Estes, of Memphis, has already cost the state approximately thirteen thousand dollars—with the expectation that the trial in the Senate will cost another \$5,000. Justice comes high but it is all right—if we get what we pay for.

## ENLOE ENDORSED BY HOME PEOPLE

Democrats in Madison Favor Enloe-Rye

### DEMOCRATS NAMED

From all Factions as Delegates to the State Convention in Nashville.

The Democrats of Madison county, in mass convention last Saturday, enthusiastically endorsed the administration of Gov. Rye, and being the home county of Railroad Commissioner B. A. Enloe, his faithful and efficient services were recognized and he was given a hearty endorsement. All State officials were endorsed except Secretary of State, R. R. Sneed, who is not a candidate for re-election, and W. D. Scruggs, Mr. Sneed's chief clerk, was endorsed to succeed Mr. Sneed.

The convention instructed for G. H. Robertson of Madison county and Tom Morris of Benton county for state committeemen from the Eighth congressional district; Cordell Hull for national committeeman; Senator Luke Lea, T. R. Preston, W. H. Hartford and Judge A. S. Buchanan, delegates from the state at large to the national convention; T. J. Murray for congressional committeeman from Madison county; R. C. Mayo, senatorial committeeman from Madison county; J. D. Hunt, florial committeeman from Madison county; Thad Pope, judicial committeeman from Madison county; J. W. Lewis of Henry county and J. H. Trice of Madison county, delegates from the Eighth congressional district to the national convention.

As an introductory comment on the character of the convention; the Jackson Sun of last Sunday said:

It must have been a matter of pride to the Independents to hear themselves so highly praised and to find themselves in such demand in a Democratic convention, the like of which had not occurred in this county in several years. Such men as C. G. Bond, A. W. Stovoll, A. H. Askew, R. L. Chester and W. G. Timberlake were present and serving on committees while old time Regulars like J. D. Hunt and John H. Trice were on the floor praising with matchless oratory the virtues of their erstwhile political opponents and singing a song of joy for the reunion of the party. But such is the healing power of time and the wonderful transformation of politics.

This was just about the first time the Democrats of Madison county—we mean the Regulars that were in the days when Bob Taylor carried the county by fifty votes—have had the good sense to really bury the hatchet and open wide the fold to all Democrats alike.

We congratulate the Democrats of old Madison especially on the endorsement given her own citizen Mr. Enloe, and their good sense in making all known Democrats delegates to the State convention.

### Three Sisters.

A triple wedding, the first of its kind in Jackson in several years, if it ever occurred before, took place Saturday night at 8:30 o'clock, when Miss Mittie Reavis and W. M. Meeks, Miss Annie Lou Reavis and D. Young, Miss Alice Reavis and Connie White were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. J. W. Dickens at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Reavis, 404 East Deaderick avenue.—Jackson Sun.

## DAVE PURYEAR HUNTER WILSON

Appointed Judge and Attorney-General in Shelby County

### BOTH NEW IN M'PHIS

Purveyor Hails from Sumner County and Wilson from Madison—Five Years in Memphis.

On last Saturday, following the impeachment of Judge Jesse Edgington and Attorney-General Newton Estes, of Shelby county, Governor Tom C. Rye appointed David B. Puryear and Hunter Wilson, respectively to the positions of Judge of the First Division of the Criminal court and Atty.-General of Shelby county. These gentlemen will act in those positions until the senate has acted upon the charges against Edgington and Estes.

Judge Puryear is a Sumner countian and in the period which gave rise to fusionism in Tennessee was a member of the Legislature in 1909 and was a staunch supporter of Patterson.

Gen. Wilson is a native of Haywood county but practiced law in Jackson until about a few years ago when he moved to Memphis.

It is a coincidence that Judge Harsh appointed in Shelby county to succeed Judge Palmer, resigned, also hails from Sumner county.

## SENATE TRIAL SET FOR MONDAY, APRIL 24

After the impeachment of Judge Jesse Edgington and Attorney-General Z. N. Estes, of Memphis, by the Lower House of the Legislature, in which action there was but one dissenting vote and that in favor of Estes, the House adjourned last Friday.

The appropriation bill to meet the expense of the Extraordinary session of the 49th General Assembly, was passed and the House adjourned at 8 o'clock Friday night, April 24th being the date fixed for the accused officials to appear before the State Senate and make defense to the charges contained in the impeachments voted by the House of Representatives.

The charges against Judge Edgington cover more than seventy-five type written pages; while Estes is numerously charged with official crookedness, incompetency and inefficiency.

The trial in the Senate will be presided over by Chief Justice M. M. Neil, of the State Supreme court.

### DRUGS ADVANCING.

Another advance in drugs has been announced, and while it will be trying and expensive in some ways, in other ways it will be a benefit to the country. Chemicals are used in many ways, but the amount of drugs that are used for medicines is out of all reason in this country. We use more medicine per capita than the people of any other nation in the world, and we produce fewer drugs than almost any civilized nation. Some of our medicines have advanced 600 to 700 per cent, and if the prices will just go high enough so that the American people will take Shakespeare's advice and throw physic to the dogs, it will be better for them.—News Scimitar.

And to prove it, the South never in its history had such remarkable health as during that period of the civil war when drugs could not be had for love or money.